

Saint Joseph, Vieilles Vignes Rouge, Maison Tardieu-Laurent

Rhône Valley, France



Product code	TI18ZZRC
Grapes	Syrah
Country	France
ABV%	13.5%
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	
Vintage	2020



Vegan



Vegetarian

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU

Producer

Tardieu-Laurent is an almost unique operation in the Rhône Valley, a model that is much more commonly found in Burgundy and one that is a growing trend in Champagne. Somehow the French term for what they do fits more neatly, 'micro-négociant élèveur haute couture.' In English, it roughly translates to 'a specialist in the maturation of outstanding wines, from top sites, in very limited quantities.' Michel took over full ownership in 2004, a moment that coincided with the arrival of his son Bastien, a newly qualified oenologist. The company name remained unchanged as did the modus operandi but from that point and continuing through to today, the focus shifted, with an emphasis on elegance and freshness. They still age the wines in small oak barrels but only for the first year and have greatly lessened the percentage of new oak, eliminating it entirely for their reds from the South.

Tasting Notes

Expressive, mineral, smooth. A Wine of great distinction, which enjoys a perfect balance, North-South balance... within the Appellation (which spreads on some fifty kilometers) !

Viticulture

As for the white St. Joseph, the red is made up of wines from both the northern and southern parts of the appellation – Mauves and St. Jean de Muzols in the south and Chavanay in the north. It should be noted that part of the wine is made from 60 year old Syrah vines and the other part from 100 year old Serine (a smaller berried, and some say superior version of Syrah).

Winemaking

Half of the grapes were fermented whole bunch and the wine was first aged for 12 months in 228 litre barrels (25% new and the remainder 1st fill) followed by 8 months in large, oval oak casks.

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